

REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-17 were pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 and 14-17 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for the reasons stated in the Office Action.

This amendment has cancelled claims 2, 9 and 10 thereby rendering moot any rejections directed to these claims.

Applicant has added new dependent claim 18.

In response to the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC 112, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 14 to delete the functional language specified by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicant submits that claims 1 and 14 are now allowable.

Applicant has also amended claim 1 to incorporate the elements recited in dependent claim 2. For purposes of clarity, Applicant has further amended claim 1 to delete the language pertaining to the "annular member". Applicant submits that Uchida U.S. Patent No. 5,010,266 does not disclose, teach or suggest the particular rotor structure recited in amended claim 1.

For purposes of clarity, Applicant has also amended claim 14 to delete the language pertaining to the "retaining member". Applicant submits that Uchida U.S. Patent No. 5,010,266 does not disclose, teach or suggest the particular rotor structure recited in amended claim 14.

The Examiner has rejected claims 8-9 under 35 USC 102(b) as being fully anticipated by Uchida U.S. Patent No. 5,010,266. Applicant has canceled claim 9 and has amended claim 8 to include the structure recited in claim 10. Amended claim 8 now recites that each independent pole has an axially extending bore that is generally rectangular in shape and is sized for receiving a holding bolt that has a generally rectangular cross-section and that the axially extending bore prevents rotation of the independent pole about the holding bolt and radial movement of the independent pole. Uchida clearly does not disclose, teach or suggest such an independent pole structure. Applicant submits that amended claim 8 is now patentably distinguished from Uchida.

Applicant has amended claim 3 to delete the limitation shown, and has added new claim 18 which is directed to the limitation deleted from claim 3.

Applicant has amended claims 6 and 12 to cure grammar errors or typographical errors.

The Examiner has stated that claims 12 and 13 are allowed.

Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-8, 11 and 14-18 are now allowable.

Applicant submits that in view of these amendments and remarks, all grounds for rejection have been removed.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are

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therefore earnestly solicited.

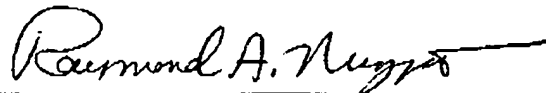
No additional fee is due for this amendment.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at 203-467-7895 for a telephone conference if the Examiner believes there are outstanding issues regarding this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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